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EX- MORTICIAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT AND BANK FRAUD

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that TRENT MARK DAVIS, 43, of New Iberia, Louisiana, made his initial appearance before United States Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd in Sacramento this afternoon following his indictment and arrest for 21 counts of bank fraud.

This case is the product of an investigation by the FBI and the Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney S. Robert Tice-Raskin, who is prosecuting the case, DAVIS, formerly a licensed Funeral Director at Sacramento Memorial Lawn, stole a series of checks totaling more than \$85,000 that had been submitted by customers and deposited them into his bank account at U.S. Bank. Defendant entered a not guilty plea and was released on bail. A further status conference is set for May 1, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Morrison C. England.

The maximum statutory penalty for each count is 30 years of imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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